

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 16 wherein the first and second metallurgy structures comprise a gold layer on a surface thereof opposite the input/output pads.
3. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 4~~ A method of providing metallurgy structures for input/output pads of an electronic device comprising a substrate including semiconductor portions thereof, and first and second input/output pads on the substrate, the method comprising:
providing first and second metallurgy structures on the respective first and second input/output pads, the first and second metallurgy structures having a shared metallurgy structure adapted to receive solder and wire bonds, wherein providing the metallurgy structures comprises: comprises providing underbump metallurgy layers on the respective input/output pads; pads, providing barrier layers on the underbump metallurgy layers; layers, and providing passivation layers on the barrier layers.
4. (original) A method according to Claim 3 wherein providing underbump metallurgy layers comprises:
providing adhesion layers on the respective input/output pads; and
providing conduction layers on the adhesion layers.
5. (original) A method according to Claim 3 wherein providing underbump metallurgy layers comprises providing a continuous underbump metallurgy layer on the substrate and on the first and second input/output pads.
6. (original) A method according to Claim 5 wherein providing the barrier layers comprises selectively electroplating the barrier layers on the underbump

metallurgy layer and wherein providing the passivation layers comprises selectively electroplating the passivation layers on the barrier layer.

7. (original) A method according to Claim 6 wherein providing the passivation layers is followed by:

removing portions of the continuous underbump metallurgy layer not covered by the barrier layers and the passivation layers.

8. (original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein the adhesion layers comprise titanium layers, and wherein the conduction layers comprise copper layers.

9. (original) A method according to Claim 3 wherein the barrier layers comprise nickel layers.

10. (original) A method according to Claim 9 wherein the barrier layers have a thickness in a range of 0.5 microns to 2.0 microns.

11. (original) A method according to Claim 3 wherein the passivation layers comprise gold layers.

12. (original) A method according to Claim 11 wherein the gold layers have a thickness in a range of 0.05 microns to 2.0 microns.

13. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 16 further comprising:

providing a solder structure on the first metallurgy structure opposite the substrate; and

maintaining the second metallurgy structure free of solder.

14. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 13 further comprising:

bonding a wire to the second metallurgy structure; and
bonding a second substrate to the first substrate via the solder structure,
wherein the wire is bonded to the second metallurgy structure and the second substrate is bonded to the first substrate at a same time.

15. (original) A method according to Claim 13 further comprising:
bonding a second substrate to the first substrate via the solder structure.

16. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 1~~ A method of providing metallurgy structures for input/output pads of an electronic device comprising a substrate including semiconductor portions thereof, and first and second input/output pads on the substrate, the method comprising:

providing first and second metallurgy structures on the respective first and second input/output pads, the first and second metallurgy structures having a shared metallurgy structure adapted to receive solder and wire bonds wherein the electronic device further comprises a protective insulating layer on the substrate and on portions of the first and second input/output pads so that portions of the input/output pads are exposed through the protective insulating layer.

17. (previously presented) A method for providing a metallurgy structure for an input/output pad of an electronic device comprising a substrate and an input/output pad on the substrate, the method comprising;

providing an underbump metallurgy layer on the input/output pad;
providing a barrier layer on the underbump metallurgy layer; and
providing a passivation layer on the barrier layer;
wherein providing the underbump metallurgy layer comprises:
providing an adhesion layer on the input/output pad; and

providing a conduction layer on the adhesion layer.

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) A method according to Claim ~~48~~ 17 wherein providing the adhesion layer comprises providing a titanium layer, and wherein providing the conduction layer comprises providing a copper layer.

20. (original) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the barrier layer comprises a nickel layer.

21. (original) A method according to Claim 20 wherein the barrier layer has a thickness in a range of 0.5 microns to 2.0 microns.

22. (original) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the passivation layer comprises a gold layer.

23. (original) A method according to Claim 22 wherein the gold layer has a thickness in a range of 0.05 microns to 2.0 microns.

24. (original) A method according to Claim 17 further comprising:
providing a solder structure on the metallurgy structure opposite the substrate.

25. (original) A method according to Claim 24 wherein the electronic device comprises a second input/output pad on the substrate, the method further comprising:

providing a second underbump metallurgy layer on the second input/output pad;

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providing a second barrier layer on the second underbump metallurgy layer;
and
providing a second passivation layer on the second barrier layer; and
bonding a wire to the second passivation layer.

26. (original) A method according to Claim 24 further comprising:
bonding a second substrate to the first substrate via the solder structure.

27. (original) A method according to Claim 17 further comprising:
a protective insulating layer on the substrate and on portions of the
input/output pad so that portions of the input/output pad are exposed through the
protective insulating layer.

28. (original) A method according to Claim 17 wherein the passivation layer
is adapted to receive solder and wire bonds.

Claims 29-61 (canceled)

62. (cancelled)

63. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 62 further comprising:~~
A method for providing bonding structures for input/output pads of an electronic
device comprising a substrate and first and second input/output pads on the
substrate, the method comprising:
 providing first and second under bump metallurgy layers on the respective
first and second input/output pads;
 providing first and second barrier layers on the respective first and second
under bump metallurgy layers wherein the first and second barrier layers each
comprise nickel wherein the first and second barrier layers have a same thickness

wherein the first and second under bump metallurgy layers are between the first and second barrier layers and the first and second input/output pads;

providing first and second passivation layers on the respective first and second barrier layers wherein the first and second passivation layers comprise a same material other than nickel and have a same thickness; and

providing a solder structure on the first passivation layer while maintaining the second passivation layer free of solder.

64. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 62 further comprising:~~
A method for providing bonding structures for input/output pads of an electronic device comprising a substrate and first and second input/output pads on the substrate, the method comprising:

providing first and second barrier layers on the respective first and second input/output pads wherein the first and second barrier layers each comprise nickel wherein the first and second barrier layers have a same thickness;

providing first and second passivation layers on the respective first and second barrier layers wherein the first and second passivation layers comprise a same material other than nickel and have a same thickness;

providing a solder structure on the first passivation layer while maintaining the second passivation layer free of solder; and

reflowing the solder structure so that the first passivation layer diffuses into the solder structure.

65. (original) A method according to Claim 64 wherein during reflowing the solder structure, lead from the solder structure diffuses into a portion of the first barrier layer.

66. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 62~~ Claim 64 further comprising:

bonding a wire to the second passivation layer.

67. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 62~~ Claim 64 wherein the passivation layer comprises a gold layer.

68. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 62~~ Claim 64 further comprising:

bonding a second substrate to the first substrate via the solder structure.

69. (cancelled)

70. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 69 further comprising:~~
A method of forming an electronic device comprising:

forming first and second input/output pads on a substrate;

forming an ~~first and second~~ under bump metallurgy layer ~~layers on the first~~ and second input/output pads;

forming a first bonding structure on the first under bump metallurgy layer so that the first under bump metallurgy layer is between the first bonding structure ~~nickel barrier layer~~ and the first input/output pad, the first bonding structure including a first barrier layer comprising nickel on the first under bump metallurgy layer, and a solder structure on the first barrier layer;

forming a second bonding structure on the second under bump metallurgy layer so that the second under bump metallurgy layer is between the second bonding structure and the second input/output pad, the second bonding structure including a second barrier layer comprising nickel on the second under bump metallurgy layer, and a gold layer on the second barrier layer comprising nickel;

bonding a wire to the second bonding structure; and

bonding a second substrate to the solder structure so that the wire and the second substrate are bonded to the first substrate at a same time.

71. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 70 wherein the under bump metallurgy layer ~~comprises~~ layers each comprise an adhesion layer on the respective input/output pad, and a conduction layer on the adhesion layer.

72. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 71 wherein the adhesion layer comprises a titanium layer, and wherein the conduction layer comprises a copper layer.

73. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 69~~ A method of forming an electronic device comprising:
forming first and second input/output pads on a substrate;
forming a first bonding structure on the first input/output pad, the first bonding structure including a first barrier layer comprising nickel on the first input/output pad, and a solder structure on the first barrier layer;
forming a second bonding structure on the second input/output pad, the second bonding structure including a second barrier layer comprising nickel on the second input/output pad and a gold layer on the second barrier layer comprising nickel;
bonding a wire to the second bonding structure; and
bonding a second substrate to the solder structure so that the wire and the second substrate are bonded to the first substrate at a same time;
wherein the first barrier layer comprises a nickel layer free of lead and an alloy layer including nickel and lead between the nickel layer free of lead and the solder structure.

74. (canceled)

75. (canceled)

76. (currently amended) ~~A method according to Claim 69 further comprising:~~
A method of forming an electronic device comprising:

forming first and second input/output pads on a substrate;

forming a protective insulating layer on the substrate and on portions of the
first and second input/output pad pads so that portions of the first and second
input/output pad pads are exposed through the protective insulating layer;

forming a first bonding structure on the first input/output pad, the first bonding
structure including a first barrier layer comprising nickel on the input/output pad, and
a solder structure on the first barrier layer;

forming a second bonding structure on the second input/output pad, the
second bonding structure including a second barrier layer comprising nickel on the
second input/output pad, and a gold layer on the second barrier layer comprising
nickel;

bonding a wire to the second bonding structure; and

bonding a second substrate to the solder structure so that the wire and the
second substrate are bonded to the first substrate at a same time.

77. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 13 further
comprising:

bonding a wire to the second metallurgy structure.

78. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein the
electronic device comprises a second input/output pad on the substrate, the method
further comprising:

providing a second underbump metallurgy layer on the second input/output
pad;

providing a second barrier layer on the second underbump metallurgy layer;

providing a second passivation layer on the second barrier layer;

bonding a wire to the second passivation layer; and
bonding a second substrate to the first substrate via the solder structure so that the wire and the second substrate are bonded to the first substrate at a same time.

79. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 66 further comprising:

bonding a second substrate to the first substrate via the solder structure so that the wire and the second substrate are bonded to the first substrate at a same time.

80. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 25 wherein the first under bump metallurgy layer, the first barrier layer, and the first passivation layer comprise a first metallurgy structure, wherein the second underbump metallurgy layer, the second barrier layer, and the second passivation layer comprise a second metallurgy structure, and wherein the first and second metallurgy structures have a shared metallurgy structure adapted to receive solder and wire bonds.

81. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 62~~ Claim 64 wherein the first barrier layer and the first passivation layer comprise a first metallurgy structure, wherein the second barrier layer and the second passivation layer comprise a second metallurgy structure, and wherein the first and second metallurgy structures have a shared metallurgy structure adapted to receive solder and wire bonds.